

Americanism/Patriotic Instructor



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Well, here I am writing to everyone after a Convention again, this time my very first National in Louisville, Kentucky! I was so lucky to have the opportunity to meet and talk briefly with Katlyn Burke, our National Ambassador for Americanism, while I was there. It was such an honor-- she is very down to earth and so dedicated! I am looking forward to working with her and all our Auxiliary Chairmen from New Mexico this year.

This month I wanted to touch on a major theme for our Americanism year 2024-2025, one which our awards will be based on as well—celebrating and recognizing our lesser-known patriotic holidays. We always encourage celebrations at our Posts on our well-known patriotic holidays, such as 4th of July, Veterans Day, etc. This year, in addition, we are hoping to receive lots of reports of fun and meaningful observances of our smaller, less-often observed patriotic days, such as Flag Day (June 14th), Constitution and Citizenship Day (September 17th), and our Branch of Service Birth Dates. I would love to hear how you commemorate these types of special days at your Post!

I hope many of you will be able to come to our Trainings (aka Flying Squadron) either in Las Cruces August 10th or Albuquerque August 17th. I will be presenting more information there, along with some lists of our lesser-known patriotic holidays to share with your members, so you can start planning your own get-together celebrations, decorations, and fun that may become traditions for your Post and Auxiliary families for years to come. And don't forget to take pictures of your celebrations! If you could send some to me when you get a chance, I would love to see your members express their pride and love for our country and veterans while having fun doing it! Thanks for all you do for our veterans and families, and until next month, I remain...

Yours in Service,

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